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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 71, MARCH 3, 1976 (SALT TWO-925)

1. DEFINITION OF LAUNCHING WEIGHT. US TABLED A PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT DEFINING LAUNCH WEIGHT AS "THE WEIGHT OF THE FULLY-LOADED MISSILE AT THE MOMENT OF IGNITION." US EXPLAINED THAT MOMENT OF IGNITION REMOVED AMBIGUITIES CONCERNING TREATMENT OF LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICES WHICH COULD ARISE IF SOVIET PHRASE "MOMENT OF LAUNCH" WERE USED. US ALSO RESERVED ON WHETHER TO USE "LAUNCH-WEIGHT" OR "LAUNCHING WEIGHT."

2. ARTICLE II.5 (MIRV DEFINITION). US TABLED NEW MIRV SYSTEMS DEFINITION WHICH USED EXPRESSION "CAN DIRECT...TO SEPARATE AIM-POINTS, ALONG TRAJECTORIES UNRELATED TO EACH OTHER." ACCOMPANYING AGREED STATEMENT COMMENCED "REENTRY VEHICLES ARE CURRENTLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE" FOLLOWED BY ESSENCE OF SOVIET PROPOSED LIST; US EXPLAINED THAT THIS FORMULATION WOULD PROTECT BOTH SIDES IF TECHNIQUES OR DEVICES NOT LISTED SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. SOVIETS QUESTIONED USE OF "DIRECTING," AGAIN SUGGESTING PREFERENCE FOR "TARGETING."

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3. ARTICLE XIX.1 PROTOCOL (EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS). USSR STATED IT AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS TO CONTENT AND FORM OF US DRAFT PROTOCOL (IN FACT A SOVIET DRAFT) TABLED AT PREVIOUS DRAFTING GROUP MEETING.

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